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REMARKS

1. On 18 June 1950 the quarters at 115-121 Ernst Thaelmannstrasse, Babelsberg (N 53/2 63), were guarded by soldiers wearing black epaulets.

Radio truck and motor vehicles were seen in back of the quarters. (1)

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2. Motor vehicles

entered the restricted area through the gate at the Drewitz railroad station on 18 June 1950. (1)

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3. On 3 July 1950 90 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and carrying rifles marched from the Garde Ulanen Kaserne on Jaegerallee, Potsdam, to Bornstedter Feld, where they held formation drill. About 150 soldiers walked from the same installation to the swimming pool on 7 July 1950. (2)

4. The MCC school on Jaegerallee was lightly occupied from 26 to 30 June 1950. the troops from the installation were at Doeberitz for field exercises, each unit having left behind a rear detail of about 25 men. Observations made on 3 July 1950 indicated preparations for the return of the troops. (3)

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5. Four groups of 50 men wearing black-bordered red epaulets were repeatedly seen undergoing infantry training in the "Generalsquadrat", Neuer Garten, between 26 and 30 June 1950.

A group of 40 soldiers wearing green epaulets marched past the barrier in Albrechtstrasse on 27 June 1950. The troops belonged to an LVD unit billeted in private houses on Langhansgasse

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6. An LVD general is said to be billeted in Grosse Weinmeisterstrasse.

Trucks with trailers were parked in front of the house on 6 July 1950. They were loaded with boxes, 150x50x50 cm, which positively did not contain ammunition. (4)

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7. On 7 July 1950 it was learned that 200 officers who had been billeted in the former Kriegsschule had moved to a hotel on Hessesstrasse. (5)
8. Units in military formation totaling at least 5,000 officers and EM arrived at Feuer Garten after 4 p.m. on 4 July 1950 for a performance by a Soviet dancing ensemble. Motor vehicles [redacted] were observed there. Twenty AF officers and 300 AF personnel arrived at the railroad station from the direction of Brandenburg. Officers, NCOs and drivers wore war decorations, but the EM, about 18 to 20 years old, did not. (6)
9. Fifteen trucks [redacted] each occupied by about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets moved along Stalin Allee toward Nedlitz on 4 July 1950. All Soviet officers in Potsdam carried pistols. 50X1-HUM
10. On 1 July 1950 it was learned that several office chiefs, including the following, were replaced during the last three weeks:
- a. Goryachev, (fnu), previously chief of the SSC Kech office in the Soviet construction yard at 4, a Behlertstrasse, Potsdam, was replaced by Major Bebesheko, (fnu). The Special Construction Office II of the Kech office was headed by Major Tserba, (fnu). (7)
  - b. Lieutenant Colonel Antonov, (fnu), formerly commandant to the Military Hospital [redacted] Potsdam-Hermannswerder, was replaced by Lieutenant Colonel Bogoulev, (fnu). (8) 50X1-HUM
  - c. Colonel Zakharov, (fnu), was appointed chief of Military Hospital [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- [redacted] Zakharov arrived directly from the U.S.S.R. [redacted]
- d. Lieutenant Colonel Morozov, (fnu), was appointed chief of Dental Hospital [redacted] at 58 Grosse Weinmeisterstrasse, Potsdam-Nedlitz. [redacted]
  - e. Pezenov, (fnu), rank unknown, was CO of Unit [redacted] in Potsdam-Nedlitz. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
11. Recruits who arrived for the artillery unit in the Delius Kaserne during recent weeks allegedly belonged to the 1931 and 1932 classes. They received submachine gun drill and training in firing between 26 June and 3 July 1950. All personnel of the artillery unit were vaccinated on their backs on 27 June 1950. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
12. [redacted]

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13. About 30 passenger cars and busses [redacted]

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[redacted] were seen in front of the Kriegsschule on 26 June 1950.

Officers of all branches of service, ranking from major to colonel, got out of these motor vehicles and entered the Kriegsschule. Some VP-officers were also included in this group. About 45 officers of various branches of service, ranking from major to colonel, left the Kriegsschule on 3 July 1950. They rode toward Potsdam in passenger cars [redacted]

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(5)

14. Six biplanes which had been stored in the riding hall on Bornstedter Feld were hauled away on 27 June 1950. The flying and service personnel who had been billeted in private houses in Am Schragen were trucked with their luggage to the Wildpark railroad station and left by rail for an unknown destination.

15. Sixteen heavy AA guns, 150 EM on trucks and one field kitchen left the Hohenlohe Kaserne for an unknown destination on 30 June 1950,

[redacted] Soldiers remaining there said that the troops will be absent for a long time. (14)

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16. Soviet dependents still living in Potsdam were observed packing boxes between 26 June and 3 July 1950. According to their own statements they were to be repatriated to the U.S.S.R.

18. No training activity was observed at the barracks in Krampnitz on 27 June 1950. Gate guards wore tank insignia. The troops stationed there used to move out of the installation mostly at night [redacted]

[redacted] Motor vehicles [redacted]

[redacted] were seen. (16)

19. About 2,000 unarmed soldiers, led by two military bands, marched from the Nedlitz barracks to the stadium in Potsdam for a ceremony or athletic contest on 5 July 1950. At the same time several hundred trucks occupied by officers and unarmed EM arrived at the stadium from the north. [redacted]

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20. It was learned, on 7 July 1950, that the officers candidate school, Potsdam-Lornstedt, housed a signal battalion and a military police battalion. [redacted] Colonel Kuzulin, (fnu), and Lieutenant Colonel Fodor Alesvukh were said to be the commanding officers. (17)

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**Comments.**

- (1) [redacted] buildings in Ernst-Thaelmann-Strasse, Babelsberg, housed the officers' academy, and that the adjacent temporary barracks and a factory building were occupied by infantry and engineer units. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (2) The Garde Ulanen Kaserne is occupied by GHQ units of the GDFG, according to available information. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (3) [redacted], the NCO school on Jaegerallee was occupied by an engineer unit including 100 soldiers and 600 recruits. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (4) It is possible that the Generalsquadrat is guarded by an MVD unit quartered there. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (5) [redacted] the former Kriegsschule was occupied by 1,000 to 1,200 officers attending training courses. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (6) The officers and troops belonged to GHQ artillery, engineer and rear service units of the GDFG, to elements of the Second and Fourth Gds Mecz Armies and to AF units [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- [redacted] Similar performances, attended by soldiers of all units stationed in the Potsdam area, were previously observed. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (7) The office and its location are known. Major Bebesko, (fnu) was chief of the Kech office for Kreis Potsdam [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- [redacted]
- (8) [redacted] Lieutenant Colonel Antonov, (fnu), have been known for some time. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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- (14) Departure of AAA units of the 2nd Gds AAA Div of the GOFU, possibly for Mustraw. 50X1-HUM

- (16) [redacted] the barracks in Krampnitz to have been occupied to capacity in mid-June 1950. [redacted] The units from Krampnitz may have been at the Doeberitz troop training grounds for field exercises. 50X1-HUM

- (17) [redacted] the former Kriegsschule, Bornstedt, housed 1,000 to 1,200 officers, in mid-June 1950. 50X1-HUM

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